

The indication that Claims 22-25, 27-30 and 34-40 would be allowable subject to presentation in independent form is acknowledged with appreciation. By this amendment, Claims 26 and 31-33 have been cancelled. Independent Claim 21 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent Claim 25 (indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter) and Claim 28 has been amended to place the claim in independent form. In addition, Claims 34 and 35 (indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter) have been cancelled and rewritten in independent form as new Claims 41 and 42, respectfully. Claim 36, originally dependent from Claim 35, has been amended to make it dependent from independent Claim 42.

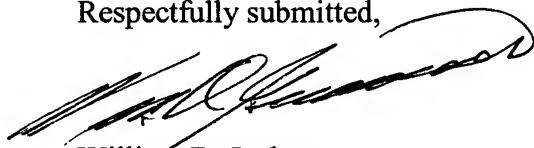
Claim 37 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of its original parent claim 33 and thus placed in independent form.

All of the claims remaining in the case are directed to subject matter previously indicated to be allowable and accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$168.00 for two independent claims in excess of three.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the Locke Liddell & Sapp LLP deposit account no. 12-1781 for any fees due in this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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